

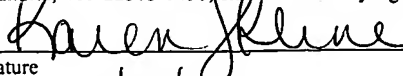
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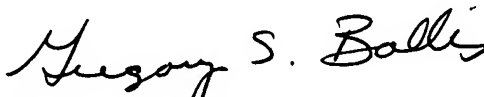
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Sir:

The following comments are being submitted in response to the Notice of Allowance dated September 2, 2004. First, the Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for allowing the application. However, the Applicant wishes to comment on the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance by pointing out that the reasons set forth by the Examiner appear to generalize some of the features of the independent claims without addressing all limitations of the independent claims. Furthermore, the patentable features of the dependent claims were not discussed either. Therefore, the reasons set forth by the Examiner are not the only reasons that the claims are allowable. For example, each allowed claim may include additional patentable features or combinations of features not mentioned by the Examiner. Finally, the Applicant still believes the arguments submitted in the prior response are persuasive.

Respectfully submitted,



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